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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagaki et al. (US Pre-grant Publication 2002/0705272) in view of Ooyama et al. (US Patent 6274983).

With regard to claim 1,

Takagaki et al. disclose a short arc type high pressure discharge lamp comprising: a pair of electrodes disposed inside the discharge lamp and facing each other (26 of fig 2), a light emitting portion containing mercury (20A of fig 2, and paragraph 46), and sealing portions that extend to both sides of the light emitting portion, seal part of electrodes respectively, and join the electrodes and metallic foils (20B of fig 2), wherein a cross-sectional view of the metallic foil is an approximately omega shape (30 of fig 12).

Takagaki et al. do not disclose the amount of mercury.

Ooyama et al. do disclose a lamp with more than 0.15 mg/mm³ mercury contained in a light emitting portion (column 1, lines 10-15).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the mercury of Ooyama et al. into the lamp of Takagaki et al. in order to improve light-emitting characteristics.

With regard to claim 2,

Takagaki et al. disclose the short arc type high pressure discharge lamp, wherein in a joint portion of at least one of the electrodes and one of the metallic foils, there are at least two welding traces welded from a width direction of the one of metallic foils (figs 12, 13).

With regard to claim 3,

Takagaki et al. disclose a method of welding an electrode and a metallic foil, comprising steps of: preparing a metallic foil having a curved surface portion wherein a cross-sectional view of the metallic foil is an approximately omega shape, placing the electrode in the curved surface, and welding from a width direction of the metallic foil (fig 12).

With regard to claim 4,

Takagaki et al. disclose a short arc type high pressure discharge lamp having an electrode assembly made by the method according (see rejection of claim 3, and paragraph 2).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. 3675068, 5200669, 5430353, 5793160, 6563267.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher M. Raabe whose telephone number is 571-272-8434. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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